

# WILSON FOMENTS WAR IN MEXICO AND POLICY IS BAD

Declares the London Globe in Commenting on Sir Edward Grey's Course.

OTHER SHEETS SAY "WAIT"

Sympathy is with United States But There is Impatience with Wilson.

LONDON, March 4.—The Mexican situation and Sir Edward Grey's policy of the British government in regard to the investigation into the death of William S. Benton are the subjects of today's comment in newspapers. The Pall Mall Gazette says:

"The temperate and restrained language in Sir Edward Grey's speech referred to the Mexican murder will have the approval of all Englishmen. Its moderation, however, will not disguise the depth of their feeling. Patience makes every concession to Sir Edward's difficulties but if there is any danger of that patience being mistaken for indifference it would introduce an element of grave disadvantage into international politics. Every reason of moral and international right requires of the United States that the punishment of Benton's murderers should be decided without delay. At the present moment civilization is flouted and Great Britain outraged. The application of the Monroe doctrine is paralyzed."

The Globe says:

"Sir Edward Grey said much to emphasize the gravity of recent events and to urge to relieve the disquietude which those events have provoked. The public opinion of this country however sympathetic to the United States will not make consideration for the embarrassment of President Wilson and adequate excuse for a delay in the decision of those of Pancho Villa, with the approval of Carranza. If President Wilson cannot be held responsible for the behavior of Mexican rebels, his policy is directly responsible for the state of things which has led to intolerable excesses. The United States has done so not merely to allow civil war to exist but to foment it by allowing arms and ammunition to be supplied to the belligerents. The United States is bound to exert the exclusive influence which it claims for putting an end to the anarchy which has become a danger not merely to the United States itself but to the civilized world."

The Westminster Gazette and the Evening Standard agree with Sir Edward that the only possible policy is to wait and secure reparation when circumstances permit it.

## ITAX

On Inheritances is Received at the Office of the State Tax Commissioner.

The tax commissioner's office reports the receipt of \$1,431.61 paid by W. J. Knott, administrator of G. S. Knott, of Jefferson county; \$481.51 paid by ex-Attorney General T. S. Riley, administrator of Mary Turner, of Ohio county; and \$100 paid by R. Emmett O'Connor, administrator of Noah E. Corley, of Randolph county, making \$2,013.12.

The total amount of inheritance taxes collected during the month of February was \$16,760.45, or an average of about \$700 a day.

The department has also received the second report from the hydroelectric companies under the terms of the act of 1913. The first company that reported its earnings will pay a tax of \$386. These taxes are assessed against the company when the power is used or not, because the power they use originates in this state.

## ELLIS SWAYS

In His Chair as the Prosecutor Addresses the Trial Jury in the Case.

CHICAGO, Mar. 4.—"A vile coward who killed his wife and made his children motherless and then attempted to blackmail her character to save his wretched life." As Prosecutor Mallot uttered these words of denunciation of William C. Ellis in his opening argument to the jury today, Ellis on trial for his life for the murder of his wife, swayed in his chair and had to be supported. "Look," exclaimed Mallot, "Ellis gets a glass of water and has some one to lift him up. But he gave his wife no water while she lay there shot four times. If he receives the death penalty at your hands he will have a chance to make his peace with God. He gave his wife none."

WORKING ON PROPOSITION.

Committees are busy on a proposition made by pottery concern to locate here and the matter will be definitely settled within the next few days, it is hoped.

THREE DRUNKS.

Three drunks were all that claimed the attention of the police court officials this morning and the session of court was a short one. Only one was able to pay his assessed fine and the other two were released.

# KNIFE IS PLUNGED INTO A MAN'S BACK

By a Frail Woman Who Now Worries for the Welfare of Her Children.

FOREST CITY, Pa., March 4.—In jail charged with the murder of Burt Allen, who she said tried to assault her, Mrs. George Strain, a frail looking little woman cries for the compassion of her five children. She has no regrets for the killing which the authorities say she freely admits but worries over the welfare of her family while she and her husband are in separate cells in connection with the killing which occurred in Forest county Monday night.

Only the remarkable hidden strength of the woman enabled her to keep up the long battle with Allen before she finally plunged a knife into his back.

## GILL'S ELECTION

By Such a Large Majority is the Surprise of the Election Held in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 4.—The surprise of yesterday's city election was the great majority, 14,000, by which Hiram C. Gill was chosen mayor. He carried every ward but one and got big majorities in resident precincts where he had always been beaten before. Apparently the only charter amendment adopted was that fixing a minimum wage of \$2.75 a day for city employees. Union labor leaders are exulting. Robert P. Hesketh, president of the city council and vice president of the cooks and waiters union, was reelected to the council.

# BRYAN'S LAWYER QUILTS HIS OFFICE

## BAD WRECK

On Ontario and Western Railroad in Which Fifteen Persons are Injured.

NEW YORK, Mar. 4.—As an indication of the isolation of certain New York state points during the recent storm it remained for a resident of Port Jarvis, reaching here today, to give the first news of a bad wreck on the Ontario and Western railroad there at noon yesterday. Fifteen persons were seriously injured and property worth \$100,000 destroyed.

## TWINS SEPARATED

Most Delicate Surgical Operation in France in a Very Long Time.

PARIS, Mar. 4.—The delicate operation of separating the "Siamese" twins, Madeline-Suzanne, who had been born together, was performed successfully here today. No such operation had taken place in France since Dr. Doyden, in 1902, separated the two Hindu children, Radica-Roodica, who died of tuberculosis after the operation. The twins operated on today were born November 28, 1913. At birth they weighed ten pounds. Both children appeared perfectly healthy.

## GUN SEARCH

Is Made of the Camp of Striking Miners by Brooke County Sheriff.

COLLIER, W. Va., Mar. 4.—Sheriff Patterson, of Brooke county, today searched the camp of striking miners here for guns but found none. Last night the quarter occupied by strikers was fired upon from the hill but no one was hurt. The strikers were attacked and beaten yesterday. Deputy sheriffs have established a "dead line" at the tipple of the West Virginia and Pittsburgh Coal Company across which strikers are not allowed to pass.

## CONFERENCES

Are to Be Held in the South on the Woman Suffrage Question.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The executive board of the Woman's National Suffrage Association, headed by Dr. Anna Shaw, will leave New York on March 7, for Birmingham, Ala., to attend the first of several conferences which will discuss plans for enfranchising the women of the South.

# BEALL IS REELECTED BY BANKER'S COUNCIL

Which Holds Sessions in Parkersburg to Look after Affairs of Association.

PARKERSBURG, Mar. 4.—The executive council of the West Virginia Bankers' Association met at the Chancellor hotel yesterday afternoon and evening, organized for the ensuing year and transacted other important business relative to the organization. The meeting was quite general attended by the members of the council from the various sections of the state. The council reorganized by re-electing W. W. Beall, of Wellsburg, president of the Commercial National bank of that city, chairman, and J. S. Hill, of Charleston, of the National City Bank, secretary.

Matters pertaining to the annual convention of the association to be held at Martinsburg this year were gone over and the program for that occasion partially arranged. Chairman Beall stated that Parkersburg had sent an invitation to the council asking that the convention be held here, but that as the association had fixed the place of meeting it would be impossible to change this. The organization may be prevailed upon at the coming meeting to consider the invitation of this city.

The state is arranged in groups, each of them being organized and represented on the executive council. Eight groups were represented at the meeting yesterday. In addition to the members of the council Glenn F. Barnes, of Fairmont, president of the state organization, and H. E. Emery, president of the Old National Bank of Martinsburg, were in attendance at the meeting.

Members of the council in attendance were as follows:

Hon. W. W. Beall, Wellsburg, group No. 1, chairman.

Edward Neely, Parkersburg, group No. 2.

S. F. Hoard, Ceredo, group No. 3, and H. O. Aleshire, Huntington, secretary group No. 3.

John L. Dickinson, Charleston, group No. 4; T. H. Hooper, secretary group No. 4.

B. H. Barger, Mateoka, group No. 5.

H. W. Chaddock, Grafton, group No. 6.

W. W. Woods, Thomas, group No. 7.

Frank E. Wilson, Martinsburg, group No. 8.

## STUART DEAD

Vice President and General Manager of the Erie Railroad Expires.

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., March 4.—J. C. Stuart, vice president and general manager of the Erie railroad, died at the Garden City hotel this afternoon. He had been ill for some time.

## GREAT DAMAGE

Done to Telephone and Telegraph Systems by Recent Blizzard in East.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Officials of the telephone and telegraph companies today gave out some incomplete estimates of the damage caused by the storm. In Queens, one of the outlying boroughs of greater New York, 15,000 telephones were put out of service. In New Jersey 3,000 telephone poles went down rendering 30,000 instruments useless. The New York Telephone Company estimated its loss at \$300,000. The Western Union Telegraph Company said several days would be required to repair the damage to its wires. In New Jersey alone 1,500 line-men were at work today.

## BISHOP ONLY UNCLE

Bishop Thomas Bowman of the Methodist Episcopal church who died yesterday was the last uncle of W. T. B. Clemm.

# DEBT CASE

May Be Settled by the Commissions of the Two States Interested Out of Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 4.—There is a possibility but not much probability of a settlement of the Virginia debt question out of court. Both the Virginia and West Virginia commissions are here today and a joint meeting was scheduled for this morning, but some of the Virginia trains were late and the joint session was postponed till late this afternoon.

The West Virginia commission had a meeting scheduled for 9 o'clock but it was postponed until noon, and later till 2 o'clock this afternoon. Consideration of a proposition which might be made to Virginia. In informal conversations between members of the two commissions it has been learned that a settlement might be effected outside of the court, although even the West Virginia commissioners are not united as to what proposition they would receive.

While the supreme court has in effect rendered a judgment against West Virginia and fixed the amount of the principal, leaving the question of interest to be determined later, the West Virginia commission believes that it has sufficient assets in the case which have not been brought out before to warrant the supreme court in reopening the case and granting a new hearing.

Some of the members of the Virginia commission are understood to prefer a settlement out of court to a reopening of the case, and an effort was made by the West Virginia commission this morning to ascertain

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## ENDS LIFE

Wife of a Prominent Manufacturer Jumps from a Roof and is Killed.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Mar. 4.—Mrs. Sarah Drukke, wife of S. Drukke, said to be a prominent Cincinnati manufacturer, ended her life today by jumping from the roof of a local sanitarium to the cement pavement, three stories below. She was 62 years old and it was said her mind had been affected by the recent death of a brother, Charles Tobias, also of Cincinnati.

WOMAN'S HEALTH IS POOR SINCE DEATH OF BROTHER

CINCINNATI, March 4.—Mrs. Sarah Drukke left this city several days ago accompanied by her husband, a hat manufacturer, and daughter for Battle Creek, Mich., where she intended to undergo treatment for her health which had been poor since the death of her brother. The family is prominently connected here and Mrs. Drukke was well known.

# NEGRO QUITE HAPPY IN JAWS OF DEATH

## DUTCHMAN

Is Almost Sure to Be Recommended by Neely for Wheeling Postmastership.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 4.—There is every indication that Congressman Neely will make his recommendation for postmaster at Wheeling before the close of the day and it would appear that he will recommend A. H. Wiedebusch for the place, although Mr. Neely has given no intimation as to what he intends to do in the case. Friends of Wiedebusch feel confident he will get the recommendation, since Dr. J. J. O'Kane, his principal competitor, was removed from the race last night by appointment to a position with the international boundary commission, which he accepted.

## SHORT LINE LATE.

Due to track conditions caused by the blizzard as well as to congestion of traffic, the Short Line train scheduled to arrive here shortly before noon did not reach Clarksburg today until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

## BABY CRITICALLY ILL.

Goff Queen, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Queen, is very ill of bronchial pneumonia at the parents' home at the residence of Mrs. M. O. Goff on East Main street. Wednesday afternoon the child was in a very low condition.

# FORMER WITNESS AFRAID OF BECKER

Crowd and He Asks the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to Protect Him.

NEW YORK, Mar. 4.—Louis Kresie, a waiter, who testified for the prosecution at the trial of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, called at the district attorney's office today and asked for protection. He said he had been offered money to get out of town before Becker's second trial started and that he had refused. "I am afraid to walk the streets," said the waiter. "I want to be protected so I can go to work." He was assured that a bodyguard would be furnished.

## STONE ELECTED

Exalted Ruler of the Local Lodge of Elks to Serve the Ensuing Year.

Clarksburg Lodge, No. 482, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Tuesday night elected officers as follows to serve a year beginning with Tuesday night, April 7, at which time they will be installed:

Dr. John S. Stone, exalted ruler; Walter B. Wilson, leading knight; Roscoe C. Brown, loyal knight; Dr. Oscar H. Levier, lecturing knight; Will H. Cole, secretary; William H. Lewis, treasurer; and F. J. Welch, trustee.

Charles F. Kester, exalted ruler, was elected representative to the grand lodge meeting in Denver in July and William D. Newlon, a past exalted ruler, was chosen his alternate.

## HEATED DEBATE

Between a Military Man and a Mine Worker before in a District Court Today.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Mar. 4.—After heated debate between Judge Advocate Major Boughton, representing the military authorities, and Attorney H. N. Hawkins, representing the United Mine Workers, in the district court, Judge A. W. McHendrie today allowed the Judge Advocate until 3 o'clock to present affidavits in court showing why "Mother" Jones should not be produced in court in response to the return in habeas corpus. At the opening of court Major Boughton declared that the producing of the woman strike leader in court under the present conditions would precipitate a possible outbreak. Attorney Hawkins contended that there would be no disorder.

## TO HONOR GOETHALS.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A bill for the thanks of Congress to Colonel George W. Goethals and to authorize the president to appoint him a major-general in the army was introduced today by Senator Lodge.

# MORE RELIABLE IS THE SERVICE

Of Telephone Operation Privately Owned Than if the Government Owned It.

ACTION IS PROMPT

Personal Service Relied on and Applause is Given Brave Operators and Linemen.

Although Green is to Be Hanged Friday His Mind is Untroubled.

MOUNDSVILLE, Mar. 4.—The most cheerful prisoner in the state penitentiary here is Henry Green, a Minnegan county negro, despite the fact that he will be executed on Friday. "I killed that woman and I am ready for the gallows at any time," the guards say that Green has frequently declared. His sleep is untroubled and he says he never ate more heartily in his life. He has no relatives or friends and is not looking for a reprieve. Green found the woman whom he murdered and with whom he had been living, although she was not his wife, with three other men and killed her.

## SAVED BY CORSET

Is a School Girl Who is Shot as She Enters Her Home Late at Night.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Mar. 4.—Grace Reagan, a 16 year old school girl, was shot as she entered her home late last night but a corset steel deflected the bullet and saved her life. James Deery, aged 19, is under arrest charged with the shooting.

## NO REPORT YET.

It is announced that the present grand jury is expected to make its first report tomorrow morning. It is busy examining witnesses.

## PRIEST

Resigns from Catholic Church to Enter the Episcopal Denomination.

SISTERSVILLE, Mar. 4.—Following a service in his church at New Martinsville the Rev. Father Mathias Martin, who had resigned from the Roman Catholic church to enter the Protestant Episcopal church. He is now in this city and is a guest at the home of the Rev. J. H. Clark, D. D., rector of the local Episcopal church. The Rev. Mr. Madert is a young man. He was educated at Leuven, Belgium, and has been working in the diocese of Wheeling for the last ten years. He has had considerable success and has built several churches. He has been in conference with Bishop Peterkin, of the Episcopal church, for the last month, and will be accepted and enrolled in the clergy of that church. Coming from the Catholic church, his re-entrance in the Episcopal church is not necessary. His work will be in the diocese of West Virginia.

## HABEAS CORPUS

Writ is Awarded Joe Triball by Judge James W. Robinson of Criminal Court.

In the criminal court Wednesday morning Judge James W. Robinson awarded Joe Triball a writ of habeas corpus returnable Friday. Triball had been held for the grand jury by Justice T. G. Nicewarner for carrying a knife. The contention of Triball is that if the knife was a deadly weapon punishment should have been meted out to him by the justice instead of holding him for the grand jury, and if it was not, the justice should have dismissed the case against him.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Repeal of the Panama Canal Tolls Exemption to Be Heard Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 4.—The House today adopted a resolution for a joint session with the Senate at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow to hear President Wilson's message on the repeal of the Panama canal tolls exemption. The committee on interstate commerce will meet this week and report on a bill repealing the exemption clause.

## HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Thomas Greaver, a Northview coal miner, has been held for the grand jury under a bond of \$500, which he has furnished, by Magistrate W. E. Starcher on a charge of feloniously cutting his son-in-law, Lee Williams, a coal miner of the same suburb, on the forehead with an axe when the two recently had a family quarrel.